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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DECENTRALIZED VIRUS SCANNING  
FOR STORED DATA

Examiner: N. Khoshnoodi

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

Copies of the references on the PTO/SB/08 are not provided.

Applicants note that an Office Action has been received in a related, copending application. In particular, Office Actions for the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/777,418 (Attorney Docket No. 67272-8128.US03) were mailed on October 27, 2008 and April 4, 2008. A copy of these Office Actions is available through the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. If the Examiner so requests, Applicants will provide the Examiner with a copy of this Office Action.

Statement of Related Application Information

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending patent application(s), which is/are assigned to the assignee of the present application, and which may be relevant to the present application.

Examiner's Initials	Co-Pending Patent Applications
1)	Serial No. 10/777,418 filed February 11, 2004 Policy Engine to Control the Servicing of Requests Received by a Storage Server
2)	Serial No. 09/728,701 filed December 1, 2000 Decentralized Appliance Virus Scanning

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the items(s) above to reflect his/her consideration of these items and return a copy of this initialed document to Applicant.

**Applicants respectfully request that the above-listed items Not be printed on the face of any patent which may issue from the present application.**

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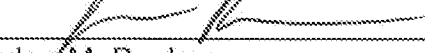
the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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